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1. FIRST GPRM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RHODESIAN ATTACKS APPEARED IN MAPUTO PAPER NOTICIAS MORNING OF 1 AUGUST EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF STORY AS FOLLOWS: HEADLINE READS- IN THE PROVINCES OF MANICA AND TETE, FPLM (MOZMABIQUE ARMED FORCES) RESPOND FIRMLY TO NEW AGGRESSION IN OUR COUNTRY. BEGIN TEXT: THE RACIST RHODESIAN REGIME UNLEASEHED ANOTHER ATTACK AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND REVOLUTION OF MOZAMBIQUE LAST SUNDAY. CONCENTRATING THEIR AIR FORCE AGAINST LOCAL OBJECTIVES IN THE PROVINCES OF MANICA AND TETE. THE INVADERS KILLED TWELVE PERSONS AND WOUNDED ONE HUNDRED AND TEN. ACCORDING TO MILITARY SOURCES IN MAPUTO, THE FIRST OF THE ATTACKS OCCURED AROUND 10 A.M. NEAR GONDOLA, MANICA PROVINCE. (GONDOLA IS LOCATED
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ABOUT 14 MILES EAST OF THE PROVINCE OF CHIMOIO ON THE CHIMOIO-BEIRA HIGHWAY). THE DEATHS AND INJURIES OCCURED IN THIS FIRST ATTACK WHICH ALSO DESTROYED A SCHOOL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION. THE ATTACK BROUGHT ABOUT AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE BY THE MOZAMBIQUE ARMED FORCES (FPLM). LIKEWISE, WHEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN

"MIRAGES" THAT ARE BEING USED BY SMITH'S ARMY AGAIN ATTACHED

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IN THE SAME REGION ABOUT 2:45 P.M. THE SWIFT RESPONSE OF FPLM FORCED
THE ENEMY TO RETREAT WITHOUT OBTAINING ITS CRIMINAL OBJECTIVES.
IN THE PROVINCE OF TETE, IN THE LATE AFTERNOON, BOMBINGS TOOK
PLACE IN THE AREA OF MAGOE, AGAIN USING "MIRAGE" PLANES. ALSO, ANOTHER

TYPE OF PLANE FLEW
OVER CHICOA, CHINHANDLE, AND FINGOE, (WESTERN TETE PROVINCE, IN
THE AREA OF CABORA BASSA LAKE) IT WAS STRESSED THAT THE ATTACKS
OF SUNDAY DID NOT ASSUME SUCH SERIOUS DIMENSIONS BECUASE OF THE
VIGOROUS ACTIONS OF OUR DEFENSE FORCES. THE SAME SITUATION
HAPPENED IN JUNE, WHEN THE RACIST ARMY OF SALISBURY MADE AN
ATTACK IN THE REGION OF CHIMOIO WHICH CAUSED THE DEATHS OF 17 ZIMBABWE

REFUGEES AND TWO AGRICULTURAL SPECIALISTS AT THE RESEARCH
STATE AT SURRUNDENGA. THE STRONG AND DETERMINED REACTION OF OUR
DEFENSE AND SECURITY FORCES, LIKEWISE
FORCED THE ENEMY TO WITHDRAW WITHOUT HAVING GAINED OTHER OBJECTIVES

2. ZNAU'S "VOICE OF ZIMBABWE" PROGRAM ON RADIO MOZAMBIQUE
AT 18:00 GMT 31 JULY AUGUST QUOTED RHODESIAN SOURCS AS SAYING
TEN ZANLA BASES IN MOZAMBIQUE HAD BEEN NEUTRALIZED AND THAT THE
OPERATION HAD BEEN COMPLETED. RHODESIANS CLAIMED THEY HAD
SUSTAINED ONLY ON CAUSUALTY DURING THE OPERATION.

3. ACCORDING TO SABC, THIS IS THE FIRST RHODESIAN OPERATON AGAINST
TARGETS IN MOZAMBIQUE TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY RHODESIA SINCE THE
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